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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7089

BILL NUMBER: SB 266

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 28, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Mar 17, 2005

SUBJECT: Processed deer meat.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Jackman

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Hoffman

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *Processing Fee for Deer Meat*. This bill allows a meat processing facility to give away a processed deer to another person at the cost of the processing fee if the owner of the deer fails to pick up the processed deer or notifies the facility that the owner does not want the processed deer.

Selling Deer Meat to the Public. This bill allows farm raised deer meat that meets certain requirements to be sold to the public.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Selling Deer Meat to the Public*. The bill provides that deer meat and products from farm-raised deer that meet the requirements of IC 15-2.1 may be sold to the public. The Board of Animal Health (BAH) inspects approximately 131 slaughter houses with a staff of 52 inspectors. Animals are inspected before and after slaughter. The BAH is aware of 350 deer farms. If additional farms are established as a result of this bill or if the bill results in a significant increase in animals that are slaughtered, resulting in additional slaughter houses, the BAH would need additional staff. Costs, including fringe benefits, for one additional staff member are estimated at \$55,582.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Violations*. Under existing law, a person who sells, offers to sell, purchases, or offers to purchase a deer or a part of a deer must reimburse the state \$500 for the first violation and \$1,000 for each subsequent violation. The money is deposited in the Conservation Officers Fish and Wildlife Fund. The proposal would eliminate the collection of revenues from violations for this fund. The impact, if any, is not expected to be significant.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Board of Animal Health.

Local Agencies Affected:

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